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Mayor Michael Nutter called for a second round of applicants to submit for Startup PHL, a grant program that funds innovative startups in the city.

OSHA cites contractor, operator in collapse

Willful. OSHA officials said on Thursday that basic precautions at the site were not taken.

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has officially cited the construction and contracting companies in the June 5 deadly Center City building collapse.

Griffin Campbell, doing business as Campbell Construction, and Sean Benschop, doing business as S&R Contracting, had several safety violations, OSHA officials said.

"If the two employers OSHA cited had followed basic precautions, six people who were killed would be alive today," said David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for OSHA.

On the three days before the collapse, which also injured 14, Campbell removed "critical, structural supports for the wall that collapsed," officials said. They also said floors were removed, stairs were not inspected and several hazards were seen, all violations of OSHA standards.

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"Had this mayoral administration and the Department of L&I enforced existing laws ... this tragedy could have been prevented."

John Dougherty, IBEW Local 98

Penalties of $313,000 for Campbell and $84,000 for S&R have been proposed.

Robert Mongeluzzi, lead attorney for some of the victims' families, said the fact that the OSHA violations were "willful" ones confirms this was not an accident "but in fact something that was foreseeable."

"Considering these contractors are bankrupt," he added, "the monetary fines will do nothing for these families. They continue to look forward to having us be able to ask questions firmly and find out what happened."

OSHA will be working with the Department of Licenses and Inspections to further investigate.

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Let there be (holiday) lights at Franklin Square

Courtney Mitchell, from West Philadelphia, takes in the lights at Thursday's opening display of Franklin Square's new Electric Spectacle, a holiday light show that will run until the end of December. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Abuse claims

MontCo GOP chair resigns

Robert J. Kerns resigned Thursday as chairman of the Montgomery County Republican Committee after a report in the Daily News claims he is being investigated for allegations that he sexually assaulted a female employee in his car after an October party.

Kerns, 66, who runs his own law firm in Lansdale, said his resignation was effective as of 5 p.m. Thursday, according to the newspaper.

He also called for the party to hold a special meeting on Dec. 4 to fill his vacancy.

As of Thursday, no charges have been filed against him. METRO

Merchantville

Ex-boyfriend charged in stabbing death

A Merchantville, N.J., woman is dead and her daughter injured after the daughter's ex-boyfriend entered their home Wednesday night and stabbed both of them, according to the Camden County Prosecutor's Office.

Gilbert Villanueva / FACEBOOK

Gilbert Villanueva, 26, allegedly stabbed Kristen Durocher, 22, and her 50-year-old mother Suzanne Durocher. Suzanne died of her injuries while Kristen was last listed as in stable condition.

He has been charged with murder.

Suzanne Durocher was the associate chief nursing officer of operations at Temple University Hospital. METRO

Filed. Occupy Philly protestors file federal suit against the city

Occupy Philadelphia protestors filed a federal lawsuit this week against the city of Philadelphia for what they claim was an infringement on their First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and assembly, according to court documents.

All 26 occupiers, who were a part of the encampment at Dilworth Plaza that started in September 2011, claim the group were not committing a criminal offense when they were arrested on the morning of Nov. 30, 2011. METRO

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Family: 'He has no remorse for this whatsoever'

Rally. The family of David Farries will protest the bail of the veteran cop who killed their father in a car accident two months ago.

Justice for Farries

The children of David Farries will rally outside City Hall Friday at lunchtime to protest the treatment of their father's killer.

- The rally will start at 11:30 a.m. in the courtyard of City Hall.
- "I bought a bull horn, and I rented a bus," Christine Farries said. "I'm serious."
- It's not a game, she said.
- "What makes it so unfair," she said, "is we have to fight for justice."

David Farries, who was killed in a car accident by a cop who was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol in September, left behind a family who said they are not taking his death sitting down.

On Friday, the family will protest outside City Hall against what they say is a lack of justice for Sgt. Thomas Winkis.

"If it was anybody else, they would be in jail right now, waiting for their trial," said Christine Farries, the oldest of David's four daughters.

Winkis, a 21-year veteran of the Philadelphia Police Department, crashed into Farries' van just before midnight on Sept. 14 on State Road near Ashburner Street in Holmesburg. He was off-duty. Farries, 55, died the next day. Winkis, 45, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and vehicular homicide while driving under the influence.

Winkis was released on 10 percent of $50,000 bail last month, and was let go from the department.

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'Beyond the Paint' showcases art that engages the community

An artist puts the finishing touches on the exhibit "Beyond the Paint: Philadelphia's Mural Arts," which opens Friday at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

SEPTA

Armed attack caught on tape

SEPTA Transit Police officials are looking for the victim/witness in an armed attack following a dispute on a bus in September.

Police Chief Thomas Nestel said Thursday that the assault, which occurred around 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 18, began with a verbal assault between two men on the Route 23 bus.

The incident reached a boiling point after both men exited near 12th and Wallace streets in North Philadelphia and the attacker pulled a gun on the other passenger.

SEPTA police are available to speak with witnesses or anyone else with information 24 hours a day at 215-580-8111.

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Rape. Football coach sexually assaulted two young boys: DA

Leon Watson
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

A 24-year-old football coach has been charged with sexually assaulting two young brothers who ended up moving into his home last month, according to the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

Leon Watson, of North Philadelphia, has been hit with a slew of charges including rape, involuntary deviant sexual intercourse, corruption of minors, indecent assault and more.

Watson allegedly developed a relationship with the boys, ages 8 and 9, who then eventually moved into his Diamond Street home last month. Watson was arrested on Sunday after an anonymous tip was called in.

Watson was a part-time coach for the Rhawnhurt Raiders football team this year. Officials said he formed his own team, the "Little Vicks," comprised of young neighborhood boys. Watson is presently being held on $500,000 bail with a preliminary hearing scheduled for Nov. 25.

The DA's office said there may be more victims parents of potential victims should come forward.

Anyone with information on Watson should call 911 or the Special Victim's Unit at 215-685-3251. CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

A DIY music video in South Philly

Matt McAndrew, right, shoots a music video in South Philadelphia on Thursday with bass player Matt Hillblom. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Under pressure, Obama offers plan to fix health care law

President Barack Obama speaks on the Affordable Care Act in the Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House. / GETTY IMAGES

President Barack Obama bowed to political pressure from his fellow Democrats on Thursday and announced a plan to let insurers renew for one year the health plans for Americans whose policies would be otherwise canceled due to Obamacare.

The administrative fix offered by Obama would allow insurers to offer certain health plans in 2014 that do not meet the minimum requirements of the health reform law, but require the companies to spell out how the policies are substandard and what alternatives are available.

Before the law went into effect, Obama had repeatedly promised that Americans who liked their health insurance plans could keep them under the Affordable Care Act, commonly known as Obamacare.

The law included a grandfathering provision that allowed insurers to maintain policies that did not meet new minimum coverage levels required by Obamacare, as long as the policies were created before the law was enacted in 2010. REUTERS

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"We're going to do everything we can to help Americans who received these cancellation notices."

Obama

"This fix won't solve every problem for every person, but it's going to help a lot of people."

Obama

Opposition

Boehner says Obamacare administrative fixes won't work

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker John Boehner said on Thursday that he does not believe that President Barack Obama can fix problems with his health care reform law with administrative changes and it should simply be scrapped.

"The only way to fully protect the American people is to scrap this law once and for all," Boehner told a news conference. REUTERS

Insurers worry

Obamacare fix for canceled health policies could raise costs

President Barack Obama's fix for canceled health plans could "destabilize" the insurance market and lead to higher costs for consumers without further steps, America's Health Insurance Plans, an industry trade group, said on Thursday.

"Changing the rules after health plans have already met the requirements of the [Obamacare] law could destabilize the market and result in higher premiums," AHIP President Karen Ignagni said in a statement. REUTERS

Health care / GETTY IMAGES

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"Additional steps must be taken to stabilize the marketplace and mitigate the adverse impact on consumers."

AHIP President Karen Ignagni said in a statement.

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Typhoon aftermath.
US carrier unloads Philippine relief goods

A U.S. aircraft carrier "strike group" started unloading food and water to the typhoon-ravaged central Philippines on Thursday, as President Benigno Aquino faced mounting pressure to speed up the distribution of supplies.

While relief efforts picked up, local authorities began burying the dead — an important, if grim, milestone for a city shredded by one of the world's most powerful typhoons and the tsunami-like wall of seawater believed to have killed thousands.

"There are still bodies on the road," said Alfred Romualdez, mayor of Tacloban, a city of 220,000 people reduced to rubble in worst-hit Leyte province. "It's scary. There is a request from a community to come and collect bodies. They say it's five or 10. When we get there, it's 40." Many petrol station owners whose businesses were spared have refused to reopen, leaving little fuel for trucks needed to move supplies and medical teams around the devastated areas nearly a week after Typhoon Haiyan struck. REUTERS

Citizens wear surgical masks to protect themselves. / GETTY IMAGES

Opinion

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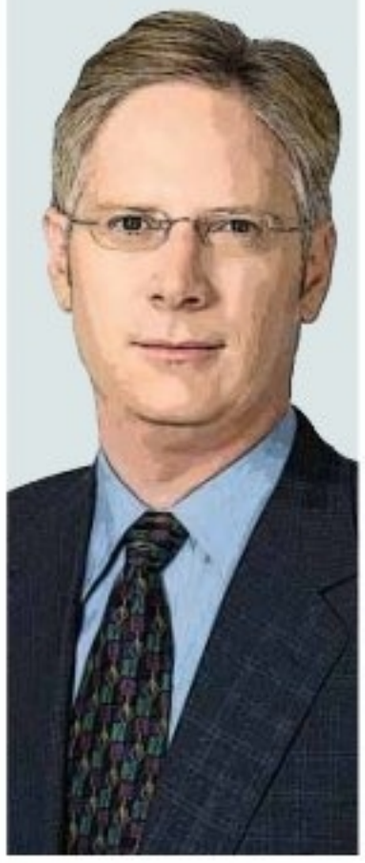

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Remember the joke, "How do you make an old Catholic woman curse?" "Have another one shout, 'Bingo!'"

With the rollout of Obamacare being widely derided as a train wreck, it's the Republicans now shouting "Bingo." In other words, "I told you so."

And it's the Democrats in D.C. these days who are doing the cursing. All you have to do is mention Republicans and Obamacare in the same breath.

"They hate it!" Democrats will roar. "They want to destroy it! They're out to bring down this president and all he has accomplished!" At that point they usually wander off down Pennsylvania Avenue with their heads spinning.

They're right, of course. Republicans have been broadly opposed to President Obama's signature legislation since the start.

Republicans have offered endless proposals to defund, deconstruct and dismantle it. And they've failed over and over again. For all their bluster, they've been unable to force any significant changes.

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And it's the Democrats in D.C. these days who are doing the cursing. All you have to do is mention Republicans and Obamacare in the same breath.

And that is a problem for Democrats, because it means whatever is wrong with Obamacare belongs to their party alone, no matter how much they may grouse about the GOP.

Oh sure, some Republican-ruled states have been less than cooperative, some insurers have heaved curveballs and the folks who designed the website … well, you know.

But whenever anyone warned about the possibility of such setbacks (even, I might add, when those warnings came from politically neutral analysts) the White House and Democratic leaders pretty much dismissed the speakers as naysayers.

If the Democrats had allowed the Republicans even a few minor tweaks to the program, they could have had a fighting chance of portraying this as a bipartisan problem.

But they didn't, so the Republicans can hoot with impunity from the sidelines while the Democrats alone try to wrestle this bear.

To be sure, Obamacare may yet turn out to be a rousing success.

But if it fails, that failure will land almost exclusively on Democrats no matter how hard they point a finger of blame at others.

Democrats ignored probably the greatest lesson Bill Clinton ever taught: Be grateful for your opponents, because they — more than friends — will show you where your ideas are weak.

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'Widowhood effect' strongest during first three months

Researchers still don't know what exactly causes the widowhood effect. / COLOURBOX

Research. Family and friends can help a surviving spouse by being supportive and attentive.

When a husband or wife dies, the surviving spouse faces a higher risk of dying over the next few months as well, according to a new report.

Previous studies have looked at the so-called widowhood effect. But it wasn't completely clear how long the effect lasts.

"The widowhood question is interesting because it is ubiquitous. At some point or the other, one partner will die, leaving the other, and this will happen to everyone regardless of class, caste, socioeconomic status," Dr. S. V. Subramanian told Reuters Health in an email. He worked on the study at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston.

"It's possible it's a grief-related mechanism, or that providing care for the sick spouse causes illness in the surviving spouse, or that, as one's spouse gets sicker, the surviving spouse stops taking care of their own health," Subramanian said.

For the new analysis, the researchers looked at data from the University of Michigan Health and Retirement Study, which surveys more than 26,000 Americans over age 50 every two years.

Widows and widowers were more likely to die than people whose spouses were still living, on average. The effect was strongest during the first three months after a spouse's death, when they had a 66 percent increased chance of dying. REUTERS

The study

2,912

There were 2,912 deaths during the study period. Of those, 2,373 were among married people who left a widow or widower behind. The other 539 deaths were among people who had become widows and widowers themselves.

Finally

'Whitey' Bulger gets two life terms

Bringing an end to Boston's longest-running crime saga, a federal judge on Thursday sentenced former mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger to spend the rest of his life in prison, calling his crimes "almost unfathomable."

Bulger, 84, sat stoically as U.S. District Judge Denise Casper recounted the crimes he was convicted of. REUTERS

Study. Leaving the light on results in poor sleep quality

Falling asleep in the glow of the TV or leaving a light on next to the bed can affect brain activity levels and lead to poor quality sleep, according to the authors of a new study.

"Our study showed that even a low light interferes with good sleep by inducing more light sleep, less deep sleep and more frequent micro-arousals during sleep," which is a new finding, Dr. Seung-Bong Hong said.

Hong, from the Samsung Medical Center of Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine in Seoul, South Korea, is the senior author of the report.

The researchers had 10 healthy people sleep for two nights while machines assessed changes in their heart rate, breathing and brain/muscle activity.

The first night, there was no artificial light in the room. REUTERS

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Microsoft's new facility combines tactics to battle hacking groups

Cybercrime. The software giant takes the group approach to fighting hackers.

The maker of the most popular computer operating system in the world is launching a new strategy against criminal hackers by bringing together security engineers, digital forensics experts and lawyers trained in fighting software pirates under one roof at its new Cybercrime Center.

Microsoft Corp.'s expanded Digital Crimes Unit inside the 16,800-square-foot, high-security facility combines a wide array of tactics that have worked the best: massive data gathering and analysis, gumshoe detective work, high-level diplomacy and creative lawyering.

The new approach, which launched Thursday, is the latest attempt to close the gap created in the past decade as criminal hackers innovated in technology and business methods to stay ahead of adversaries mired in the slow-moving world of international law enforcement.

The center features a lab for dissecting malicious software samples that is accessible only with fingerprint authorization. In another room, a monitor tracks the countries and Internet service providers with the greatest number of machines belonging to some of the worst botnets.

Next to a situation room with a wall-sized, touch-screen monitor sit rows of empty offices for visiting police, Microsoft customers or other allies expected to join specific missions for days or weeks at a time.

In the past few years "at least half of the major, significant takedowns have been driven by Microsoft," said Steve Santorelli, a former Microsoft investigator and Scotland Yard cybercrime detective who now works at a nonprofit group, Team Cymru. REUTERS

An IT specialist scans for viruses, one of the many perils facing Internet users. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"Cybercrime is getting worse."
Digital Crimes Unit chief David Finn

Private justice

Already, many of the biggest victories against organized online criminals have come when private companies have worked together to seize control of the networks of hacked computers, called botnets, that carry out criminal operations.

- Though it is at times derided for the security shortfalls in its own products, Microsoft has led more of those seizures than any other company.

Web beats paper

Google wins in book-scanning lawsuit

Google Inc., on Thursday won dismissal of a long-running lawsuit by authors who accused the Internet search company of digitally copying millions of books for an online library without permission.

U.S. Circuit Judge Denny Chin in Manhattan accepted Google's argument that its scanning of more than 20 million books, and making "snippets" of text available online, constituted "fair use" under U.S. copyright law.

The decision, if it survives an expected appeal, would let Google continue expanding the library, which it said helps readers find books they might not otherwise locate. REUTERS

Trolls. Twitter swarm sends bank running

JPMorgan Chase & Co. canceled a question-and-answer session on Twitter with a veteran investment banker after being flooded with insults, highlighting the risks companies take as they experiment with social media marketing.

"Bad idea! Back to the drawing board," spokesman Brian Marchiony said by email after the event with bank executive Jimmy Lee was called off.

JPMorgan last week asked users of the popular microblogging site to send questions marked with the hashtag #AskJPM in advance of the session.

Few questions appeared until Wednesday afternoon when responses started piling in. Some users simply made fun of the bank's attempt to use social media, but many others chose to insult executives. REUTERS

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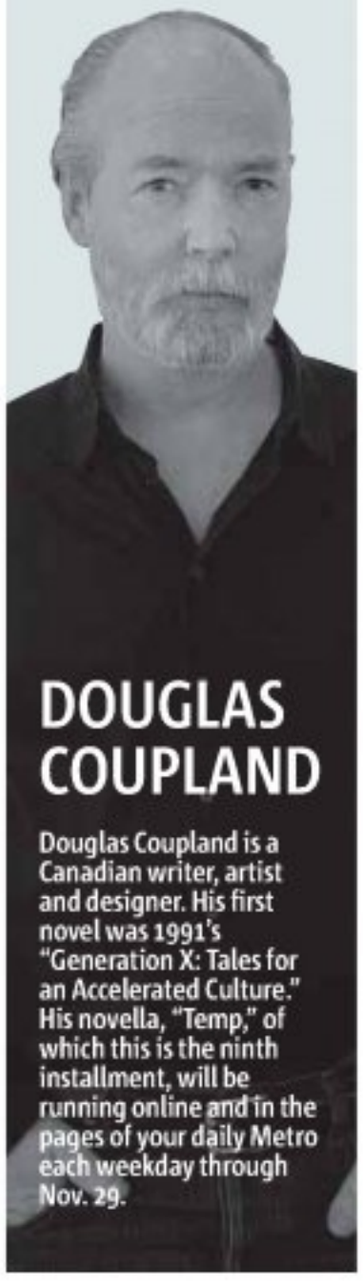

DOUGLAS COUPLAND

Douglas Coupland is a Canadian writer, artist and designer. His first novel was 1991's "Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture." His novella, "Temp," of which this is the ninth installment, will be running online and in the pages of your daily Metro each weekday through Nov. 29.

Day 10: Temp enjoys cocktails with The Danimal

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It was after 5 p.m. and I was getting ready to call a cab when a flower delivery arrived — a jumbo tropical parade float that put my mind immediately to rum drinks.

The Danimal passed through as I was opening the envelope. "Who's that for?" he asked.

I opened it and we both read it at once: To most beautiful temp for glorious mcfunburry dinner. return from china very soonly."

I wasn't sure how to play this.

"Shannon, is there something I should know?"

"Huh?" God, not the mating panda thing again. "No!"

"That's not what I meant."

"What did you mean?"

"I saw you and Xu Junior yakking it up in the parking lot. Don't think I believe the fortune cookie English thing for a minute."

"Oh."

"Yes, oh."

I tried casually to put on my jacket. Danimal said, "Come for drinks with me. It's not a pickup. Yes, my wife's in Florida getting her lips done, but you know that. I just don't want to go home yet, not after today."

"Where's Andy Kimura?"

"We hate each other. I don't care where he is. It's one of the reasons we're selling."

A mother lode of potential office gossip was too big to ignore. "OK, but I don't go with married guys. Period."

"It's not about that. Let's go to that bar beside McFunbury's.

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"That's the place. 'The Priv.' We have a deal with them."

Drinks at The Priv started badly. Danimal guzzled a double scotch and I got stupid on a rum punch. He got philosophical about cars, the way guys do.

"Kevin's Mustang depressed the crap out of me. I looked at it and all I thought of was how it's too late to fix whatever bit of the economy is left after having shipped it all off to China. Think of Michigan: 10 million primates needing 2,500 calories a day sitting on a cold rock in the middle of the North American continent, with nothing to do all day. A recipe for disaster. Bartender!"

More drinks. More philosophy. "Shannon, Detroit is our existential boogieman. Detroit forces us to ponder the meaning of being alive: We wake up, we do something, we go to sleep, we repeat it about 22,000 more times — and then we die."

I looked across the bar: Sarah and Kyle were coming in and they'd obviously just been … frisky with each other.

Danimal was being maudlin: "I don't care if you're spying on TWK for the Chinese. I just want the old system back."

Dan and Sarah locked eyes. So did Kyle and I.

"Sarah?" said Danimal. "This place is our place. You brought someone else here?"

"What about you, Romeo?"

Kyle looked at me: "Shannon?"

"It's not what you th—" I turned to Danimal, "Spying for the Chinese? Are you nuts?"

Caramba, what a mess.

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Imagine being in "Ghostbusters." Actually, you no longer have to imagine it; you can live it! / FUTURE CINEMA

You're walking down a dark corridor, the disorienting sounds of machinery, attack alarms and soldiers in lockstep blaring from the room ahead. A minute ago, you were just some dude after work, three beers in. Now you're wearing a jumpsuit on what appears to be a massive spaceship. You see marines in zero-G gear, a decontamination room and a massive recon vehicle 20 feet tall, surrounded by dry ice. It's like something out of "Alien." No, wait this IS "Alien!" Or, more specifically, the "Alien" spinoff "Prometheus." And you're starring in it.

The above describes an event last year thrown by Secret Cinema, a group run by Future Cinema, the British company that calls itself a "live cinema." It's part of a trend of immersive experiences around the world.

"I see it as riding the edge of culture," Future Cinema founder Fabien Riggall told Wired last year. He has since declined interview requests, for fear he's revealed too much — Secret Cinema generates buzz by keeping the films themselves, well, secret.

But we've been! After buying a ticket online ($60 and up), you're sent mysterious instructions about where to go and what costume to wear, but nothing more. You roam the spaces, touching, drinking, playing games and interacting with actors, who might send you on missions (or devour you, if it's "Prometheus"). Then, finally, you watch the movie.

"Prometheus" earned the company $1.1 million and had the blessing of director Ridley Scott, who introduced the film (via video) and donated props.

The first company to really rely on such an interactive element was Punchdrunk, whose productions include "Sleep No More," an interactive adaptation of "Macbeth," in which you wander through several warehouse floors as the narrative unfolds.

"We want to almost place the audience in an atmosphere where they're witnessing living films," says Felix Barrett, Punchdrunk's artistic director.

The result is a choose-your-own adventure: In Punchdrunk's "The Drowned Man," you could end up following the town drunk, sit at the bar for a burlesque performance or watch the narrative, an adaptation of Georg Buchner's "Woyzeck," which trails from room to room.

"We want to make theater dangerous again so that you're out of your comfort zone," Barrett says.

CREDITS, FROM LEFT: CASABLANCA, HANSON LEATHERBY; SHAWSHANK, FUTURE CINEMA; PROMETHEUS, FOX; GHOSTBUSTERS, LAURA LITTLE; THE DROWNED MAN, PUNCHDRUNK; SLEEP NO MORE, PUNCHDRUNK; ZOMBIE MALL, CONTRIBUTED; BRAZIL, FUTURE CINEMA

What's next

Think globally

Future Cinema is planning a worldwide expansion, having just attempted events in New York, London and Greece. And Barrett plans to take his fake world experience into the real one. Imagine this: "You book a holiday. You get a date, a locker and a key for the airport, and you open your locker and you find out where you're flying to. You're given one instruction — say, a cafe to go to — and then the show has begun and it's a completely surreal world."

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The future of parties

The top six trends popping up — in one case, literally. ANISA ARSENAULT

Dining darkly

Camaje in NYC gives diners the opportunity to experience food in its purest form — by taste and smell only. The idea is that the senses are awakened and you lose any inhibitions when you're blindfolded. It's a strange sensation, especially as you're served a surprise menu (who knew kangaroo could taste so good?). You can also find spots that do dark dining in Paris, Barcelona and St. Petersburg.

Pop-up spots

Diner en Blanc Philadelphia puts a formal spin on the usually rave-like pop-up party. For the past two summers, thousands of partygoers dressed up in white and waited for the last-minute disclosure of the location. Participants then met in a public space with tables, picnic baskets and white tablecloths. This pop-up is exclusive: You have to know someone who has participated before to join the fun.

Hot tub and a movie

Hot Tub Cinema isn't stateside yet. It's a big thing in East London, but if you go to the site www.hottubcinema.com and start petitioning, the trend could come to Philly. It's basically like a drive-in movie, but instead of packing a car full of your friends, it's several different hot tubs set up as you watch fun fare like "Goonies" or "Pretty Woman" while enjoying some drinks in your swimsuit.

Do the wigwam

What to do with that beautiful roof garden when the summer has finished and there is nothing but damp benches and cold fall air? One inspired option is to set up a teepee in the unused space. That's what a bar in London is doing. You sip spiced pumpkin cider around a huge fire glowing in the center. Why isn't this happening everywhere?

Pingpong it

Trendy design, 17 pingpong tables, and a full bar and restaurant? Maybe table tennis can be cool. Susan Sarandon co-founded pingpong club SPiN, with branches in Dubai, Los Angeles, New York City and Toronto. There's also Dr. Pong in Berlin, Chmury in Warsaw, Ace Eat Serve in Denver, Gossima in Paris and Dupong in Copenhagen. This may be a worldwide trend.

Screen your own movie

Every other Tuesday at 10 p.m., **North Star Bar** (801 N. 3rd St., 215-413-3666) hosts an open screening for locally made short films. This event, dubbed **Fancypants**, is free to attend. So bring a DVD copy of your movie, and cross your fingers that you aren't pitted against Adult Swim's Tim and Eric — just one set of Fancypants veterans.

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Shia LaBeouf tries for edge and only achieves "edge."

It's a requirement of any young star to tarnish his or her image with something "edgy." Shia LaBeouf has gone further than most: His film with Lars von Trier, "Nymphomaniac," which touts actual hardcore sex, is soon to make its international debut. For now, there's "Charlie Countryman," which is more run-of-the-mill transgressive, even if it frequently goes pretty nuts.

LaBeouf plays Charlie, a young man whose mother (Melissa Leo) has just died. He can also talk to ghosts (apparently). She tells him to go to Bucharest — not for any discernible reason, although possibly because it's famously cheap to shoot in. Once there, he quickly falls for Gabi (Evan Rachel Wood), the kept lover of a fearsome gangster (Mads Mikkelsen). But true love — or whatever Charlie thinks happened in the tiny amount of time he's known her — can't be stopped by good sense.

Shia LaBeouf plays a Yank hitting up Eastern Europe in "Charlie Countryman." / MILLENNIUM ENTERTAINMENT

Review

'Charlie Countryman'

Director: Fredrik Bond

Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Evan Rachel Wood

Rating: R

The script throws in all manner of nastiness, plus a pair of bickering, hedonistic Brits (James Buckley and Rupert Grint — the latter also trying to upend his boyish image). But the movie moves in very tiny circles.

Director Fredrik Bond previously made videos for Moby. Back in the 1980s and 1990s, it was de rigueur for critics to hang directors who used to work in music videos, accusing them of making flashy, purely stylish works, all while ignoring their artistry. But Bond really is that kind of empty-headed imagist. His shots are either kinetic or "crazy," and far, far too much of the running time is eaten up by our would-be lovers giddily running through the streets in slow motion to sad-empowering M83 emo music. Say what you will about LaBeouf — he and especially Wood are better than the film deserves — but at least he was smart enough to move on to work with an actual filmmaker.

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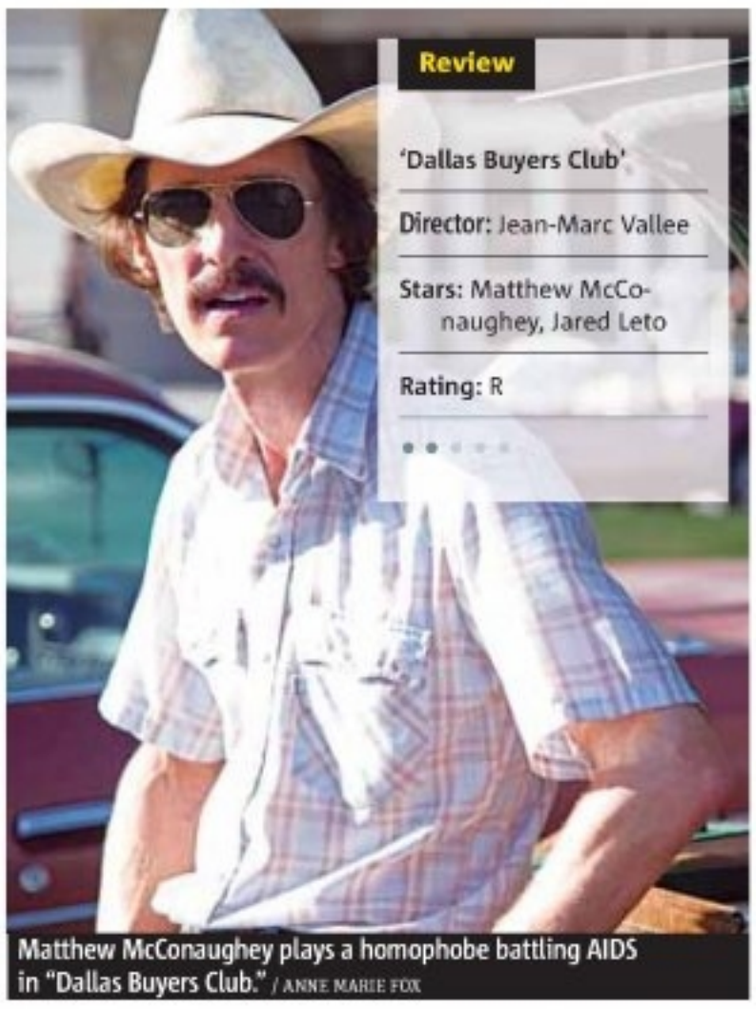

Matthew McConaughey plays a homophobe battling AIDS in "Dallas Buyers Club." / ANNE MARIE FOX

Alright, alright, alright

Drama. Matthew McConaughey's latest comeback vehicle is only so-so (though he's great).

A few years ago, Matthew McConaughey suddenly realized that his legacy was not as a master thespian, but as the star of dumb rom-coms. Since then he's switched to fulfilling his early potential, with swaggering turns in "Bernie," "Magic Mike" and "Killer Joe." Indeed, you couldn't craft a more Oscar-friendly performance than the hero of "Dallas Buyers Club" if you tried. Playing Ron Woodroof, a real-life Texas homophobe who contracted AIDS in the early days of the crisis, it allows McConaughey to reform from bigotry, fight a disease, lose a ton of weight and self-righteously yell at useless bureaucrats, "Erin Brockovich"-style, all while rocking his charismatic McConaughey-ness.

Drawn to substance abuse and unprotected threesomes, Woodruff initially doesn't accept the diagnosis that he had 30 days to live. When he does, he gives it his all, soon teaming up with a transgendered patient (Jared Leto) to sell his drugs not yet approved by the slow FDA.

Even with the grim subject matter, this probably should have been a dark comedy — a stranger-than-fiction page-turner with an incorrigible life force at the center. Woodroof's actions may have saved lives, but he's driven by purely selfish needs: to stay alive and make money doing so. The FDA was slow (and corrupt), but that doesn't make Woodroof's actions less reckless, especially as he was effectively using himself and his many, many clients as guinea pigs for sometimes sketchy, undertested medicine.

To his credit, McConaughey doesn't shy away from Woodroof's dark sides. He's overly-driven and dangerous, prone to temper tantrums made of artless profanity. It's a more nuanced performance than it may sometimes seem, especially once the film, in its final stretch, devolves into a tiresome parade of "showstoppers," with Woodroof angrily confronting one FDA stooge or heartless doctor after another. To the filmmakers he's a reckless hero who gets results. Only the lack of an outsized triumphant ending suggests it's more than a reducing of heady times into a slobs versus snobs battle.

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A hot mess but in a good way

Reunion film. "The Best Man Holiday" offers both heart and Terrence Howard going blue.

Monica Calhoun, Melissa De Sousa and Nia Long reunite for "The Best Man Holiday." / MICHAEL GIBSON

Review

'The Best Man Holiday'

Director: Malcolm D. Lee

Stars: Taye Diggs, Morris Chestnut

Rating: R

On one hand, maintaining a consistent tone in a film is impressive — a sign that the audience is in good hands. On the other hand, a messy bouillabaisse of various, even contradictory tones can make one feel more alive.

"The Best Man Holiday" doesn't necessarily make one feel sprightly. A sequel to the 1999 sleeper hit, it's a sleepy, shaggy hang-out movie, one too enamored with melodramatic cliches. But it is one that veers madly between genres — from R-rated penis jokes to shameless tear-jerking, without any care that the two extremes might not necessarily fit together.

A reckless mash-up is more forgivable anyway when it's an ensemble film, in which big personalities duke it out for screen-time. The build-up to a wedding in the first movie is replaced with a Christmas gathering, with the original's nine friends hunkering down in the sprawling manse of Morris Chestnut's Lance, now a New York Giants star. Each gets a subplot of varying significance. Will failing novelist Harper (Taye Diggs) get estranged former bestie Lance to allow him to write a book about him? Could bow-tied educator Julian (Harold Perrineau) get over newly awakened anxieties concerning his wife (Regina Hall) being a former stripper? And surely there's nothing up with Lance's wife Mia's (Monica Calhoun) cough.

This would be all wealth porn were it not for Terrence Howard's Quentin. Howard has an element of danger that melds well with his character, the one happily not yet ready to settle down and procreate. Howard cruises through the movie, trying not to get involved in the more serious bits, and getting the best lines. Do Howard's blue jokes fit in with a subplot that takes a turn for Kleenex-soiling tragedy? Perhaps not, but they're hugely welcome. "That was some melodramatic s—," Howard cracks after one shouty development that makes things too seriously. There's a long history of Hollywood expertly mixing tones; this Yuletide caper is hugely indebted to "Meet Me in St. Louis," which beautifully carouses all over the place.

"The Best Man Wedding" is barely in the same medium as that one, but it has shocking reservoirs of intelligence, even nuance. Faith plays a big role, but there's not one kind of faith. Where Lance prides himself on placing God before his family, Harper takes a more skeptical view without being punished for it. It accepts that age brings disappointments, and worse, and doesn't always put a bright spin on things. That smarts can sit with stupidity and cliches is a good thing, not bad.

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Bring the tissues to this tearjerker

Heavy drama. Musicians deal with a cancer-ridden child — and much more — in this Belgian import.

Like "O Brother, Where Art Thou?," Belgian film "The Broken Circle Breakdown" fills out a good chunk of its running time with performances of old American roots music. Unlike "O Brother" — an eccentric riff on Greek myth only the Coen brothers could dream up — it's a heavy, often brutal melodrama that tortures its nice characters with unending horrors.

Review

'The Broken Circle Breakdown'

Director: Felix Van Groeningen

Stars: Veerle Baetens, Johan Heldenbergh

Rating: R

It starts off nice enough. Aggressively tattooed singer Elise (Veerle Baetens) falls for aggressively hairy banjo player Didier (Johan Heldenbergh). Their happiness doesn't last long. No sooner have they made the beast with two backs does the screenplay jump to years later, with our lovebirds in a hospital, doting on their terminally ill daughter.

Is this another movie where parents battle against the odds to keep their child and their love? Only some of the time it is. After a grueling first half, things get far worse in the second, which becomes one of those endurance tests where you wonder how horribly the filmmakers can hurt their heroes.

Veerle Baetens and Johan Heldenbergh play a musician couple saddled with bad luck in "The Broken Circle Breakdown." / TRIBECA FILM

As if to somewhat break up the relentless misery, the screenplay hops around on the timeline. Happy times are interrupted by unhappy times, and vice versa.

This can be sadistic too, as when a major event is teased a full 45 minutes before its unpleasantness is revealed in full.

This is effective, if dubious, filmmaking, ratcheting up emotions by gruesomely manipulating them. It would be cheap if the filmmakers didn't mean what they were saying. They do. They want their story to have the poetic depths of one of the songs the characters sing, which tell of anguish and pain but do so in melodic, comforting and deeply felt ways.

The two leads give anguished but nuanced performances. Heldenbergh, in particular, is fantastic, playing his increasing yen for rants against politics and religion as an offshoot of his helpless anger. They both help keep things recognizably human.

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DANIEL RADCLIFFE

The star of "Kill Your Darlings" talks about becoming Allen Ginsberg.

WAXING POETIC

Like his other "Harry Potter" co-stars, Daniel Radcliffe has been busy with films that sell him as more than just a wizard. In "Kill Your Darlings," he takes on the role of Allen Ginsberg, the Beat poet, shown in the film as a young man. The ensuing months also see him doing romantic comedy in "The F Word" and going dark with "Horns."

What intrigued you most about Allen Ginsberg?
What I find interesting about him is that his confidence is so internal. In his inner life, he is so f—ing confident and so smart. But that doesn't translate into his interactions with people socially. So when he sees Lucien [Carr, played by Dane DeHaan], here's this charismatic — beautiful, obviously — and charming, funny guy who can relate to anyone, can talk to anyone, isn't intimidated by any social situation. And [Ginsberg] just falls for him. You often, I think, fall in love with characteristics in people that you don't have in yourself or that you want in yourself.

Is there any modern poetry you're into?
I was listening to Eminem recently, and I can't think of an American poet I like more from the last 50 years. And the great thing about his stuff is you can just read it. You can just look up the lyrics and read it as a f—ing awesome hard-core poem. The levels of wordplay, frankly, are stuff that poetry professors couldn't dream of. I think it's valid, it will become valid, just as "Howl" eventually became. There was no way that was taught in schools in the 1950s, but now it is.

Bonus question

You're writing a script. Can you tell us anything about it?
Not particularly. Just that it's a really dark comedy. I don't know that that would be something I would direct — I want to direct at some point. It's a very dark comedy about when friends outgrow each other, basically. It's a similar story to this in the sense that one person has to cut someone off, basically, in order to live his own life.

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The banality of the banality of evil

Lit adaptation. "The Book Thief" handles Nazi Germany with kid gloves.

Germans who lived in Nazi Germany rarely, if ever, like to talk about life under Hitler's rule, particularly if they found themselves complicit in its horrors. Taking this aspect as its subject makes Markus Zusak's best-seller "The Book Thief" — and the inevitable, tasteful film made of it — genuinely unique in the annals of Holocaust art. That it's also narrated by a whimsical Death (Roger Allam), who sometimes sounds like his words have been written by Douglas Adams, offers the promise of something bizarre on top of insightful.

That promise, alas, is only minutely fulfilled. Turns out this is almost comically stereotypical Oscar bait, complete with a sickly sweet score by Steven Spielberg stalwart John Williams. Rather than get its hand dirty, it even focuses on an unusually unfailing family. Young Liesel (Sophie Nelisse, quite good) winds up the unhappy foster child of a middle-aged couple, Hans (Geoffrey Rush) and Rosa (Emily Watson). Rosa is cold and mildly tyrannical — at first! — but Hans, a terminally unemployed dreamer whose smile occasionally creeps into a melancholic half-frown, takes to her immediately.

Review

'The Book Thief'

Director: Brian Perceval

Stars: Sophie Nelisse, Geoffrey Rush

Rating: PG-13

While most of their fellow townsfolk keep their heads down, or even turn enthusiastic accomplices for their overlords, Hans and Rosa don't even second-guess hiding a young Jewish man (Ben Schnetzer) in their basement. Meanwhile, Hans extends his brilliance to teaching Liesel to read, thus fostering a love for art in the face of unimaginable ugliness.

Rush made his name with borderline animatronic ultra-performances. But since "The King's Speech," he's miraculously excelled at warmly human characters. He's the main reason the film of "The Book Thief" earns the heartstring tugs, but he also serves as a key point of distraction from how it simplifies and distorts the period. Herein lies the potential to look at how evil can take over ordinary people, but the film (and presumably the book) rarely ventures outside our main characters, who are always anti-Nazi, if helpless to stop them. Meanwhile, the few rah-rah supporters are mere easily hissable bullies.

Geoffrey Rush comforts Sophie Nelisse in the adaptation of the best-seller "The Book Thief." / JULES HEATH

Elsewhere it simply misjudges. A scene where Liesel's friend (Nico Liersch) channels his love for Jesse Owens by going blackface may have read better on the page — although probably not. Ditto a scene where the kids channel their anger into a round of screaming "I hate Hitler!" against triumphant music. But like M. Night Shyamalan, the filmmakers knows that a sneakily affecting ending — especially a relatively understated one, as here — can lead to much audience forgiveness.

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Retelling fairy tales

Dance. "Forbidden Creature Virgin Whore" is a twist on female archetypes.

Chandra Moss, Beau Hancock, Paul Struck and Dana Pleakis rehearse for "Forbidden Creature Virgin Whore." / TOBIN ROTHLEIN

Amanda Miller was studying a traditional dance in Cambodia when she realized how disturbing its fairy tale story was in light of contemporary reality. The dance tells the tale of a beautiful young girl discovered in a garden by a prince, who seduces her despite her tears and pleading — a standard fantasy thrown into stark relief by the Cambodian sex trade going on in the real world.

"It made me want to look at the stories in my Western upbringing and classical ballet background," Miller says. "Growing up with those princess fairy tales in my brain and then being confronted by a new way of seeing reality, how would I view those characters today? How would I place them in my modern feminist context?"

That inspiration led to the creation of Miller's "Forbidden Creature Virgin Whore," which opens the latest season by her company, Miller Rothlein. The piece, in which Miller collaborated with fantasy and sci-fi illustrator Kristin Kest, imagines three female archetypes and their contemporary parallels: the forbidden creature, the virgin whore and the domestic goddess.

"Each of those categories has a built-in dichotomy," Miller explains. "For the forbidden creature, we went from the swan queen to the female vampire to the drag queen. For the virgin whore, of course we talked a lot about Miley Cyrus and the pop princesses. And the domestic goddess goes from the elevated servant — Cinderella or Snow White — to the otherworldly awesomeness of the yoga mom who looks amazing while taking care of her kids and keeping the house clean and putting dinner on the table. She has a superhuman power, but a power that comes from a place of subservience."

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The questioning twist on familiar fables in "Forbidden Creature" is Miller's entry for a season in which the dance company examines everyday ideas that may otherwise be taken for granted. The season continues in February with company co-founder Tobin Rothlein's "From the Spot Where We/You/I Stand (Stood)," which combines sculpture, performance and dance.

"This season is about looking closer," Miller says, "seeing those things that were always there but giving you a new perspective from which to view them. This show certainly has amazing dancers performing their craft to an extraordinarily high level, but there's also a real investigation going on, a real chance to flip your expectations."

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Charli XCX finds 'True Romance'

Iconic pop. She wrote (but didn't record) "I Love It," but she's also got something to say for herself.

The pop landscape for women in the second decade of the millennium seems to be all about girls gone wild. But Charli XCX swears she's not trying to start trouble. Come to think of it though, she does a lot of swearing on her debut from earlier this year, "True Romance."

"I don't really think like, 'Oh I'm going to swear, let's be really edgy,' or any of that s—," she says. "I feel like I swear quite a lot in general life anyway, so when I'm writing it's really just what's in my brain and what's kind of coming out of me."

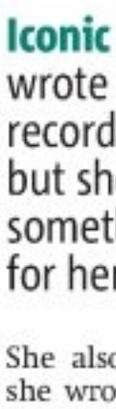
Writing songs is something she may be better known for than singing them. She penned Icona Pop's song of the summer, "I Love It."

"When I wrote 'I Love It,' it was just me screaming into a computer and that's generally what happens when I write," she says. "It's like pages from my invisible diary in my brain. Whatever comes out comes out — it's kind of like word vomit."

Born Charlotte Emma Aitchison, she speaks with a jolly English accent and is charming in conversation, alternately funny and disarmingly sincere, much like the lyrics on "True Romance."

She also meant it when she wrote the "I Love It" line, "I'm a '90s bitch" — she was born in 1992! She says penning such a huge single has given her the chance to work with a childhood hero of hers, who was "a '90s bitch" of another sort.

"I was in a session the other day with [producer] William Orbit for Britney [Spears], which was cool," Charli XCX says. "She's one of the hugest stars in the world, who knows what will happen but it was an honor to be invited to that session. I don't even know if I'm allowed to be saying anything about this. In the musical world, I don't know what you're allowed to say or whatever, but yeah, that happened and that was cool."



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Charli XCX's Philly-area stop is Friday night in Bucks County.
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Performing

Making it punk

Charli XCX says she does put "I Love It" on her set list when she plays live, but you can expect it to sound nothing like the radio hit. "I make it punk when I perform it," she says.

If you go

Charli XCX

with The Mahlors
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"It's like pages from my invisible diary in my brain. Whatever comes out comes out — it's kind of like word vomit." Charli XCX, on songwriting

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Cyndi Lauper is shown here in her "Unusual" phase. Yes, this was around the time that she went topless to record her vocal track. Lauper will tell more stories like this at the Keswick on Friday. / SONY MUSIC ARCHIVE

Still 'So Unusual' after all these years

She-bop. Cyndi Lauper revisits the album that gave the world "Girls Just Want to Have Fun" three decades ago.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of her breakthrough solo debut, Cyndi Lauper is not only performing "She's So Unusual" in its entirety, but she's also sharing stories that may make listeners exclaim that title phrase.

"When I recorded 'She Bop' I wanted the producers to run a wire from the control booth to the rehearsal room where Kiss had their stuff," she remembers. "I felt comfortable enough to sing freely because I was uninhibited and nobody was watching. … So I wound up actually taking my shirt off to feel free, which is hard to explain to a man, because you grow up and you take your shirt off whenever you want and women can't, so that freedom you never feel as an adult."

The story even gets a little more unusual.

"Actually, I tickled myself to make myself laugh," Lauper reveals with an echo of the laugh that's captured in the song. "I mean it was so ridiculous I just started laughing. So that is the laugh on the song and then of course as soon as that album became popular and 'She Bop' became popular, then all of a sudden there's a lot of people laughing on their albums. And I always used to think to myself, 'Well I know what I was doing, but what were they doing?'"

But what is probably the most unusual thing about Lauper doing an "Unusual" tour at this point in her career is that she has achieved so much recently by focusing on the present. She wrote the lyrics and music for the Broadway smash "Kinky Boots," which won six Tony awards this year.

"With the success of the show on Broadway and the Tonys, I feel like people actually do want to hear my new music, and I have a venue for it, so it doesn't feel like an oldies show that I have to do," she says. "This is the first time I've done anything like this and it will probably be the last.

"It's an interesting journey for me to look back."

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Behind the tune

Girls just want to do the song right

"Girls Just Want to Have Fun" was originally written and sung by a man — Robert Hazard — and the message of the song was quite misogynistic. Yes, the narrator still comes home in the morning light and the phone still rings in the middle of the night, but it's all because girls are making booty calls and wanting to "have fun" with him.

"I said, 'The way Robert recorded this, it's not gonna work,'" recalls Lauper about a conversation she had with producer Rick Chertoff. "I said, 'This story can't work. I don't know what you expect.' And he said, 'Well, think of what it could mean. It could be an anthem.'"

But in order for it to be an anthem, Lauper took out any trace of trampiness and made it about partying.

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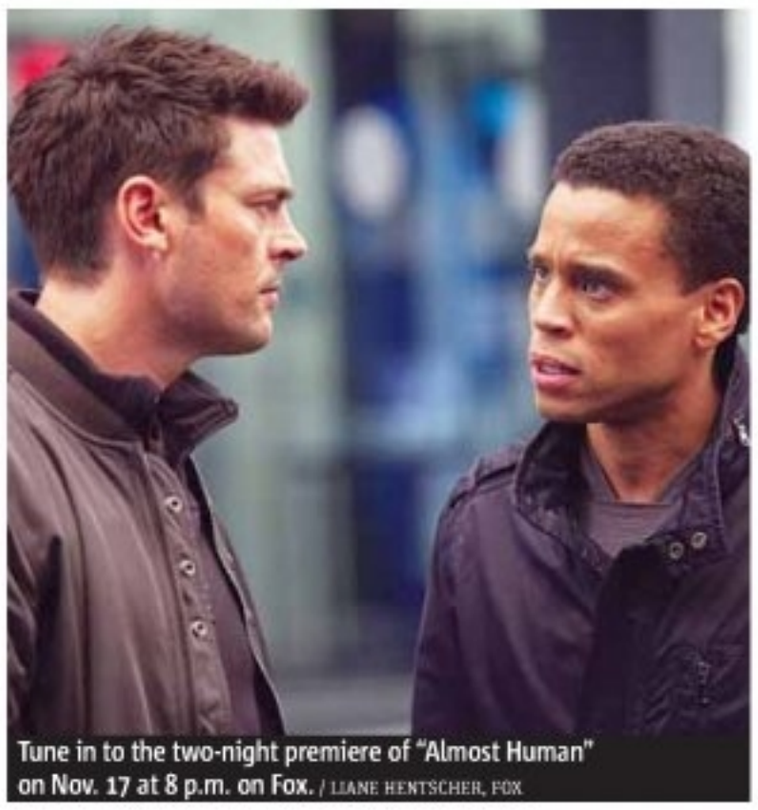
With 'Almost Human,' J.J. Abrams looks to the future

New show. "Lost" creator is back with a sci-fi/crime series.


Tune in to the two-night premiere of "Almost Human" on Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. on Fox. / LIANE HENTSCHER, FOX

Fans of "Alias," "Fringe" and "Lost" should prepare for yet another ultra-addictive TV show, because Executive Producer J.J. Abrams is back with "Almost Human," a futuristic drama created by J.H. Wyman.

"Almost Human" follows the crime-fighting duo of Detective John Kennex (Karl Urban) and his Android partner Dorian (Michael Ealy). Set in 2048, the show presents a world in which highly evolved, human-like androids are a reality in the L.A. Police Department. Kennex, who has just woken up from a 17-month coma, must cope with the loss of his partner and his leg from a deadly attack on the police department. He must also deal with his aversion to androids, made easier by Dorian's unexpected emotional responses.

Critics are already praising the show and its characters. Abrams credits his actors for this.

"I do think that what Michael Ealy brings to this role is an incredible sense of thoughtfulness and compassion," Abrams says. "He is playing a character who is, by design, literally as brave and as knowledgeable and strategic as you would want your partner to be if you were riding along as a cop. But he's also as altruistic and as considerate and empathetic as you would want. I think what Michael brings is that kind of depth, that kind of comedy and humanity."

But how is "Almost Human" going to differentiate itself from all the other cop dramas on TV?

"Inherently, this show is a week-to-week great action show with cases that you've never really seen before, or concepts that you have seen, but just told in very different ways, because of the nature of our program," Abrams says.

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Show themes

Technophobia

"Almost Human" will consistently address reservations about new technology.

"Kennex is a little bit worried about the advancement of technology and where that's led humanity and what the world looks like with this onslaught of new developments and unchecked growth with technology," Wyman says. "That's the journey for him, is that he's starting to realize it's not the technology that's bad; it's how you use it."

TV watch list

FASHION

'Styled to Rock'

This is a show produced/co-hosted by Rihanna that is a pretty obvious attempt to cash in on some "Project Runway" popularity. Except, in this show, the designers have to create a look for a famous musician each week, which is actually a semi-cool twist. Tonight, they're tasked with creating a "sultry look" for Miley Cyrus. What does clothing for Miley consist of these days anyway, fishing wire and some lube?

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COMEDY

'Saturday Night Live'

Tonight, Lady Gaga is the host and the musical guest, doing double duty in support of her rather middling new album. Are we the only ones who think that Lady Gaga's wackadoo ship has sailed? Move over Gaga, there's a new Miley in town. This is what happens when you break out the meat dress too early in your career. Restraint, future pop stars of America, is key.

SATURDAY, 11:30 P.M., NBC

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO

Lady Gaga does double duty as host and musical guest on "Saturday Night Live." /DANA EDELSON, NBC

Talking points

Wahlberg doesn't want to hear your comparisons

While Mark Wahlberg plays a Navy SEAL in his latest film, "Lone Survivor," he wants to make it very, very clear that his training for the film pales in comparison to being an actual SEAL. "For actors to sit there and talk about, 'Oh, I went to SEAL training'? I don't give a f— what you did," he said during a post-screening Q-and-A in Los Angeles. "You don't do what these guys did. For somebody to sit there and say, 'My job was as difficult as being in the military'? How f—ing dare you, while you sit in a makeup chair for two hours."

Allen defends controversial music video

Lily Allen's return to music after a four-year hiatus is off to a bumpy start, with critics crowing that her new video, "Hard Out Here," is racist. So Allen has taken to Twitter to defend herself. "If anyone thinks for a second that I requested specific ethnicities for the video, they're wrong," she writes. "The video is meant to be a lighthearted satirical video that deals with objectification of women within modern pop culture. It has nothing to do with race at all."

LILY ALLEN
GETTY IMAGES

No omelets, only jail time, for Genevieve Sabourin, seen here on Tuesday at court. / RAYMOND HALL, GETTY IMAGES

Alec Baldwin's stalker gets jail time

Alec Baldwin can sleep easier at night knowing his stalker is behind bars.

On Thursday, a New York City judge found Canadian actress Genevieve Sabourin, 41, guilty of stalking, attempted aggravated harassment, harassment and attempted contempt of court. She was sentenced to six months in jail.

The trial was dramatic, even by New York City standards. The two did seem to have some history: Baldwin admitted on the stand he had dinner with Sabourin three years ago at an Upper East Side restaurant but said it was to give her "career advice." She claims that afterwards, the two had sex and then "cuddled," which the "30 Rock" actor denies (both the sex and cuddling). Baldwin allegedly said, "I make the best omelets in the world and I'd be happy to make you omelets every morning for the rest of your life." He also promised her a trip to meet Richard Gere. Hello, single-girl fairy tale! But then once he met his current wife, Hilaria, the fairy tale ended. And that's when her stalking began, with frantic calls, emails and even uninvited appearances at his house.

Sabourin says she just wanted to figure out what happened. "It's not because he's rich and famous that he can take advantage of women and throw them in the garbage," she said.

McConaughey still plays the congas naked

MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY
GETTY IMAGES

Matthew McConaughey's career transformation over the past two years might have something to do with realizing his public image had gotten a bit … fluffy. "I get it," McConaughey tells GQ magazine. "Outdoors, shirtless on the beach, does a lot of rom-coms, girlfriends love him, good-looking. It's like he rolls out of bed and shows up and makes it look easy." But while he's gotten more serious in the roles he chooses, some things never change. "Of course I still play the congas naked," he says. "I just close the windows."

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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The moment you've all been waiting for

Entertainment Weekly has an early Christmas present for the "Fifty Shades of Grey" fans out there — a first look of Jamie Dornan as Christian Grey and Dakota Johnson as Anastasia Steele. "I'm going to do everything in my power to portray Christian Grey as truthfully as possible," said Dornan. "I can't guarantee that's going to please everyone — just me being cast doesn't please everyone — but it's happened and I'm going to give it everything."

Horoscope

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. A work-related matter will create uncertainty. Don't doubt your performance or your status. Stand behind your convictions.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Work toward personal accomplishments today. Take care of what's most important to you. Make a change if it will alleviate tension.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. You can play the game with finesse. Each move you make will get you closer to your chosen destination.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Don't rely on someone else to finish what you started. Take ownership of your responsibilities.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. There is money to be made if you put your ideas into action. What you launch now will take everyone by surprise, leaving an excellent impression.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Procrastination will lead you in unproductive circles. Make a choice and stick to it before someone complains A practical approach will be best.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Taking part in a project will broaden your outlook and friendships. You'll draw interest from someone very different from you.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Look at the bright side, whatever transpires today. Being adaptable will help you find solutions as you go along. Guard against foolish mishaps.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Don't be afraid to voice your opinion or take on a daunting challenge.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. You need a diversion. If you interact with people from different backgrounds, you will be enriched by the information you gather.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Question anyone asking for money or help. A snap decision will result in loss. Honest conversation will allow reasonable solutions.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Keep your emotions under control. Overreacting will make matters worse. Listen attentively, but don't make promises that you'll regret. Face facts. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Letters

Obamacare is Dems' fault

Re: 'The buck stops with Congress' (Metro, Nov. 14) Letter writer D'Ava Newman's attempt to blame Obamacare on Congress is outrageous. Yes, legislation starts in Congress, and nothing gets through without both chambers' approval. But it was passed when Democrats had total control, including a filibuster-proof majority in the Senate. Republican proposals such as tort-reform and allowing purchases across state lines were dismissed. EVERY Republican voted against Obamacare. The Democrats created this mess, and the blame is entirely theirs.
JIM FLETCHER, VIA EMAIL

Keep peace with Iran

I voted for Obama in part because he said he preferred diplomacy to war. Now that talks with Iran are in process, we should do our best to use this opening. I have known various Iranians in the U.S., and they are without exception well-educated, courteous and peaceful. The world as a whole will have a better future without war.
MARY ALLEN, VIA EMAIL

Ross is no role model

Re: 'Rick Ross: Playing no games' (Metro, Nov. 14) Metro, did you really let this one off the presses with Rick Ross being deemed a mastermind on the front page? The guy that advocates for our daughters to be raped and apologizes only after Reebok delivers him a financial hand slap? He states "I'd die over these Reeboks" right before he delivers his now infamous line, so of course he was quick to recant his statements.
MICHAEL ROMANI, VIA EMAIL

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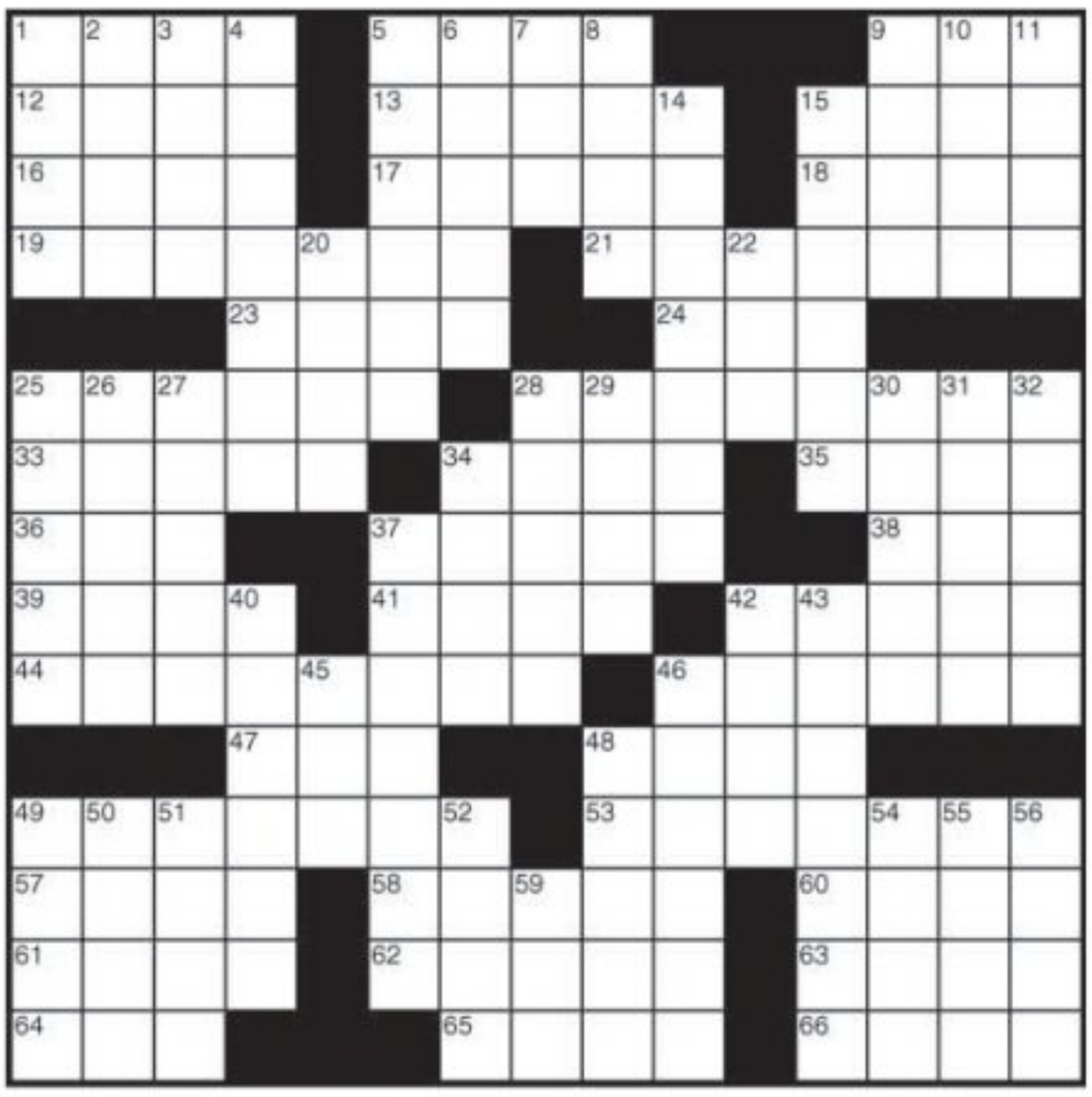

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3 SPORTS

Eagles feeling pressure to end Linc losing streak

NFL. It's been more than a year since Philly won at home and the natives are getting restless at Lincoln Financial.

If DeSean Jackson really wants the fans to not boo the Eagles off the field Sunday, then it's time. It's time to break the 10-game home losing streak at Lincoln Financial Field, a haunting stretch dating back to Sept. 30, 2012.

"That's something we've got to work on," quarterback Nick Foles said.

Four more defeats on home soil would tie an NFL record. One more, this Sunday against the reeling Redskins, will probably unleash another round of venom from those brutally-honest Philly fans. Jackson might have to cover his ears if that happens.

"We need everybody in the stands really encouraging instead of the opposite," Jackson told CSNPhilly.com. "We already have to beat our opponent. Now we're trying to fight our fans. That energy to help us go out there and help us [get an] interception, delay of game penalty, whatever it is, we need them on our side, not against us."

Drastic times call for drastic measures. Considering football players are creatures of extreme habit, Eagles head coach Chip Kelly might be willing to try anything.

"Do we have to take the buses and drive around for a half hour before we go to the stadium? I don't know," Kelly said. "If that was the answer, we would do it. We don't have that answer."

Despite all the negative energy flowing through South Philadelphia, Kelly's team is surprisingly in the thick of a playoff hunt after two straight road wins. The Eagles (5-5) are tied for first place in the NFC East with the Cowboys. They'll embrace the crowd, whether negative or positive, and attempt to walk out raising their helmets high.

"We love playing at home. Our fans are outstanding," Kelly said. "They deserve it. That's what our goal is right now. We have a one-game season, and it's against the Washington Redskins, it's at home and we're excited to get back into the Linc and play in front of our fans."

DeSean Jackson said this week he hopes the fans are encouraging — instead of delivering some of their infamous boo birds — if the Eagles struggle Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

Injury report

There was little good news on the injury front Thursday with the Eagles.

- Left tackle **Jason Peters** (quad), linebacker **Mychal Kendricks** (knee) and safety **Earl Wolff** (knee) all missed practice and are day-to-day.

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Eagles vs. Redskins: Three things to watch

The Eagles enter Sunday's game a much different one than faced Washington in the season opener back on Sept. 9.

The Eagles won that contest, 33-27, and head coach Chip Kelly's offense was the talk of the league. Over two months later, the Eagles' offense is again looking strong after struggling much of that period.

Metro looks at three things to watch for in Sunday's game (1 p.m., FOX):

Mychal Kendricks got the better of a beat-up Robert Griffin III in Week 1, but now the roles are reversed with Kendricks injured coming into the game. / GETTY IMAGES

1 Passing fancy

Nick Foles has feasted on suspect secondaries in recent weeks, to the tune of 634 yards and 10 touchdowns with no interceptions. Now the second-year phenom (too soon?) is poised to take on the Redskins, a team allowing 275 yards per game (seventh-worst in the NFL) and 19 TDs (fourth-worst in the NFL) through the air. Even Foles would take himself in a fantasy league this week.

2 No nostalgia here

Kelly's debut on Monday Night Football sent shockwaves around the NFL. Let's not expect a repeat performance of that epic opener. While Washington is far from good, the Redskins' offense is much improved, thanks to the health of Robert Griffin III. The quarterback was limping around in Week 1 coming off ACL surgery, basically eliminating the read-option from the playbook, but that's not true anymore. RG3 is starting to look like the old RG3. "When we played them the first time he was coming off the injury and didn't get any live reps," Kelly said. "That's different now. Offensively, I think they're in the top five or 10 in the league in rushing and passing and total offense. ... They're kind of back to where they were last year."

3 Spy games

Speaking of RG3, it will be up to Mychal Kendricks to keep him in check — if he's ready to play on Sunday. The speedy linebacker did a nice job containing Terrelle Pryor two weeks ago. Yes, he finished with 94 yards, but most of that came in garbage time. And he'll have his work cut out for him this week, especially since he's coming off a knee injury. Kelly indicated Kendricks should be ready to go. If not, expect former sixth-round pick Emmanuel Acho to draw the assignment. That is a 23-second drop-off in speed going by 40-yard dash times.

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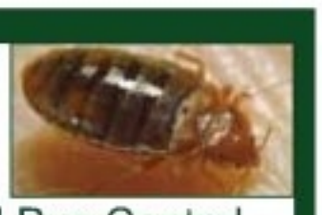

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P.J. Walker has passed for at least 200 yards in his last four starts. / GETTY IMAGES

Road won't get easier for Owls

NCAA. UCF will present a huge test for one-win Temple this Saturday.

You probably can't throw the records out the window when 7-1 Central Florida, the No. 15 team in the nation and the lone unbeaten in the new AAC, takes on 1-8 Temple Saturday at the Linc (noon, ESPN3). But that won't prevent Matt Rhule's Owls, who've dropped two games where they led inside a minute, from trying to make it a tough day for the Knights.

"[Our players] have learned it in steps," said Rhule, coming off an excruciating 23-20 loss at Rutgers, where his offense failed to put the game away on fourth and inches. "They learned early at Notre Dame they can compete against anybody. They learned you can't take anyone lightly against Fordham."

Central Florida has beaten Penn State, Louisville and Houston, while Temple has lost to the latter two, plus the Fighting Irish. No doubt, the Knights are heavy favorites. Led by dynamic quarterback Blake Bortles (68 percent completions, 15 TD passes) and running back Storm Johnson (719 yards rushing, nine TDs), with a defense that's allowed just 18.6 points a game while forcing 20 turnovers, George O'Leary's team appears to be loaded.

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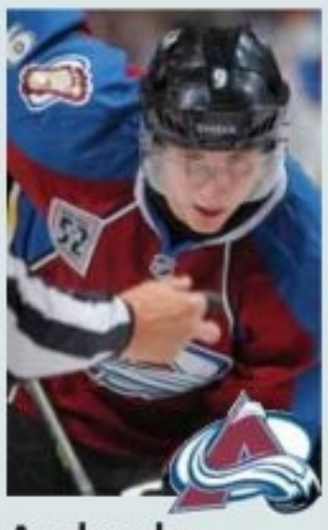

Avalanche (14-3-0)

It's easy to doubt their staying power at the top for now, but we have to give Colorado its proper due. They are off to the best start in franchise history with an NHL-best plus-25 goal differential. It is not hyperbole to say that absolutely no one saw this coming from head coach Patrick Roy's squad.

No. 2

Ducks (15-4-1)

The Ducks are the only team still perfect at home and they have scored an NHL-best 68 goals. Ryan Getzlaf missing time could slow them down.

No. 3

'Hawks (12-2-4)

The defending champs are tied with St. Louis and San Jose for the fewest losses in regulation (two). They're 7-1-2 in their last 10 games.

No. 4

Coyotes (13-4-2)

The NHL's best-kept secret has thrived behind Mike Smith (11-3-2) and has one of the deepest rosters in the league.

No. 5

Sharks (11-2-5)

The West is already far superior to the East with three more teams over .500. Also remember that there are two less teams located in the West.

No. 6

Blues (11-2-3)

Perhaps no player in the NHL is off to a more unexpectedly good start than right wing Alexander Steen, who has 14 goals.

No. 7

Bruins (11-5-1)

The B's have found their identity on their homestand (3-0-1). Tuukka Rask is playing like the best goaltender in the NHL.

No. 8

Lightning (13-5-0)

Tampa Bay passed its first test without Steven Stamkos, a 2-1 shootout win in Montreal, but it's tough to see them playing well for an extended period.

No. 9

Wild (10-4-4)

Backup goaltender Josh Harding (9-2-2, .947 save percentage, two shutouts) has been a revelation for a solid Minnesota club.

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Canucks (11-7-2)

Who knows how long it'll be before the players tune out John Tortorella, but it was a good sign the Sedin twins re-upped.

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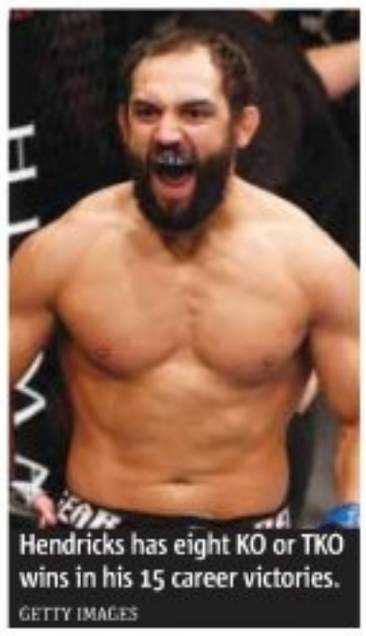
Top contender Hendricks ready to meet legend

UFC 167. Hendricks is honored to be chosen for the title fight in UFC's 20th anniversary show this weekend.


Hendricks has eight KO or TKO wins in his 15 career victories.
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In his most private of moments, Johny Hendricks has envisioned standing inside the Octagon as Bruce Buffer announces him as the new UFC Welterweight champion as Dana White affixes the title belt around his waist.

"I have. I'm not going to lie. I have," Hendricks said of a dream that could very well become reality Saturday night, when he will face champion Georges St-Pierre for the title in the main event of UFC 167.

"I'm super stoked," Hendricks told us by phone while heading to The Palms in Las Vegas following a workout Wednesday night. "The card is so amazing. And not only that, it's the 20th anniversary, you know what I mean? The 20th anniversary, that's amazing in itself that the UFC picked me to be on it. It's very humbling that UFC picked someone like me to compete."

The reason the UFC selected Hendricks (15-1) picked to be half of the main event is simple: Hendricks has earned the title shot.

"I am as good as he is," Hendricks said. "That's the way I'm looking at it."

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Let's wrestle

Hendricks has become one of the most devastating knockout specialists in UFC. Five of his 10 wins in the UFC have been knockouts or technical knockouts. But Hendricks isn't a one-trick pony. He was an accomplished wrestler at Oklahoma State where he was a four-time All-American and a two-time National Champion.

Hendricks is steadfast in his belief that he could, quite literally, wrestle the title away should St-Pierre focus solely on eliminating his striking.

- "I hope it gets overlooked, because the way I use my wrestling to get me where I'm at, I had to get people to fear my hands," Hendricks said. "And it makes my wrestling that much easier, which is great. Everything he can do, I can do."

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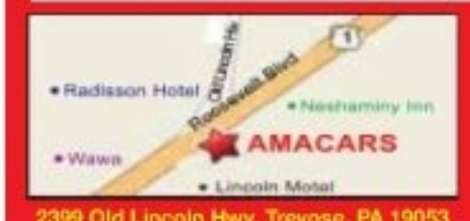

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C312 Lewis, Jean • C315 Gilman, Lawrence • C350 Thach, Tina
D410 Lewis, Crystal • D416 Manion Jr, Thomas • F625 Rice, Greg
H824 Devine, Joe • K1348 Wells, Harold • N1448 Bowser, Floyd

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A023 - Nixon Jr, Jeffrey • A099 - Matthews, Kenneth
B157 - Egan, Christopher • C297 - McGovern, Jacqueline
C308 - Mcdonald, Caile • C351 - Marrero, Wanda • D367 - Pritchett, Laila

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